**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**
**ABSTRACT**

Water Resources Department - Neeru-Chettu – De-silting of Minor Irrigation Tanks – Permission to the Private people for excavation and transportation of silt at their own cost – Accorded – Orders issued.

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**WATER RESOURCES(CADA)DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Ms.No.40** **Date:21-05-2018**

**Read the following:-**

1. G.O.Ms.No.20, Planning (VII) Dept., dated 26-09-2014.
2. G.O.Ms.No.70, I&CAD (WRG-GRC)Dept., dated 04-12-2014.
3. G.O.Rt.No.798, I&CAD (CAD.1)Dept., dated 05-12-2014.
4. Govt. Memo No.10444/CAD.1/2014-12, dated 11-02-2015.
5. Govt. Memo No.10444/CAD.1/2014-15, dated 18-02-2015.
6. Govt. Memo No.10444/CAD.1/2014-16, dated 18-02-2015
7. G.O.Ms.No.29, I&C (Mines-IV)Dept., dated 01-04-2015.
8. From the Chief Engineer, Minor Irrigation, Vijayawada, Lr.No.DCE-I/ OT2-T2/Neeru-Chettu/De-silting of tanks, dt.17.04.2018.

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**ORDER:**

In the reference 8th read above, the Chief Engineer, Minor Irrigation, Vijayawada has brought to the notice of Government that prior to the Neeru-Chettu Programme there is a practice to accord permission to the Agencies executing Government works of other Departments and also to the private people for lifting the silt from tanks duly collecting the seigniorage charges as per the rates in vogue.

2. In the reference 1st read above, orders were issued constituting seven sector specific missions to focus on the activities / projects which are critical for the social and economic growth of the State and require the inter-departmental coordination.

3. In the reference 2nd read above, Government issued guidelines for the implementation of Neeru-Chettu. In the reference 3rd read above, a water conservation (Neeru-Chettu) sub-mission under the primary sector mission was constituted to have a focused approach on water conservation measure across departments. The objective of the above sub-mission is to make the State drought proof by better water conservation and ensure its optimum utilization.

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4. In reference 4th read above, the Government issued guidelines for de-silting of all tanks under Neeru- Chettu programme. The Government vide reference 5th read above also issued further guidelines regarding the usage of silt generated from de-silting operation for the purpose of strengthening / raising of tank bunds in addition to application of the silt in agricultural fields.

5. In reference 6th read above, the Government also issued instructions to the Mandal teams to receive written requisitions from the farmers who are willing to take the silt from the tank bed to their fields at their own cost and allow to take up the works after receipt of administrative approvals from the District Collectors.

6. The Chief Engineer, Minor Irrigation, Vijayawada, in the reference 8th read above, reported that the private people are coming forward to remove silt in large scale from the tanks / reservoirs and transport the silt and use the same for their private/commercial purposes with their own cost without any burden on Government exchequer.

7. In the circumstances reported by the Chief Engineer, Minor Irrigation, Vijayawada in the reference 8th read above, Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby accord permission to Private people who are coming forward to remove silt from the tanks / reservoirs with their own cost, with the following conditions:

I. The Private people shall be allowed to take the silt from tanks/ reservoirs at their own cost on appropriate requisition being made to the Executive Engineer concerned and after obtaining specific approval from the Executive Engineer.
II. The **Technical guidelines** and precautions to be taken while taking up de-silting of tanks prescribed in Annexure to Government memo issued in the reference 4th read above shall be followed.
III. Refundable caution deposit shall be collected from the private people at the rate of Re.1/- per one cubic meter of silt by the concerned Executive Engineer for the quantity requisitioned towards security against incidental damages caused to the tanks/reservoirs during the de-siltation process. If any damages are noticed to the tanks / reservoirs during the de-siltation process, the same shall be rectified by the concerned private people at their own cost and the caution deposit collected shall be refunded to the concerned private people only after satisfactory rectification of damages.
IV. The Private people shall be allowed to lift the silt from the beds of the tanks/ reservoirs on free of Charge basis i.e., without levying any Seigniorage charges as per the Government orders issued in the reference 7th read above.

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8. The Chief Engineer, Minor Irrigation, Water Resources Department, Vijayawada shall take necessary action accordingly.

9. This order is issued with the concurrence of Finance Department vide their U.O.No.47027/137/(FMU-WRD.I)/2018, dated:12.05.2018

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**SHASHI BHUSHAN KUAMR**
**SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
The Chief Engineer, Minor Irrigation, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief (Irrigation), Water Resources Dept., Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief (IW/AW), Water Resources Dept., Vijayawada.
All the District Collectors.
The Director, Ground Water & Water Audit Department, Hanumanpet, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner, Rural Development, Suryaraopeta, Vijayawada.
The Principal Chief Conservator, Forest Department, Aranya Bhavan, Pedakakani(M), Guntur.
The Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department.
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The Finance (FMU-WRDI)Department.
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**SECTION OFFICER**